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READY, STEADY, COOK

These top city chefs are spearheading a special meal to be staged in the city next week for more than 150 of the homeless.

They include head chef Jo March and carvery chef Robert James from the Victoria Hotel; Tim Tonkin from Casey's, Matthew Meyritz (centre), and Wesley Wilson from Scribes. You can support their efforts too by donating online. See main story.

EXCLUSIVE

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

AMID the economic doom and gloom, the true spirit of Christmas will shine bright this festive period.

Because a generous band of chefs, bar staff, caterers, students and choristers from across the district are to unite to deliver some genuine goodwill; and provide a Christmas dinner and night of entertainment to those in our community who desperately need it – the homeless.

The project, in aid of the Scrine Foundation, aims to provide Christmas dinner and an evening's entertainment for about 150 homeless people and other guests on December 1.

And we at Yourcanterbury want to highlight this heartwarming act of generosity – one of so many which take place across our district every week but go unnoticed amid the increasing concerns over the economy both on a local and national level.

The man behind the seasonal show of goodwill is head chef at The New Inn in Havelock Street, Matthew Meyritz.

He said: "I was watching the Jamie Oliver programme, and he was talking about the idea of 'passing it on', and encouraging people to cook, but I thought that's all very well if you've got a kitchen to cook in.

"I'm waiting for the kitchen I work at to be refitted at the moment, and I got talking to some of the homeless people around Canterbury and asked them what they were doing this Christmas.

"They said 'nothing', so I decided to do something about it."

Mr Meyritz immediately put his plan into

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PARTY TIME: Bookings continue to look healthy for eateries in the run up to Christmas

Restaurateurs in festive spirit despite crunch

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

RESTAURANTS say business is booming in the run-up to Christmas – despite fears the credit crunch would drive people away.

Amid reports suggesting cash-strapped firms would be slashing costs and scrapping their traditional festive knees-ups, some eateries in the district say they have seen a rise in reservations.

But there is a feeling alcohol sales could take a dip as party-goers tighten their belts in the run-up to the big day. Marlowe's on Canterbury's St Peter's Street has even enjoyed a record number of bookings with 2,000 places reserved in the run up to Christmas, up from 1,400 this time last year.

Manager Gareth Thomas said: "We are actually considerably up on last year. I was discussing why this was just the other day, and I think it's because we have a bring your own wine policy.

"And we don't charge corkage, so if you are looking for a cheaper night out, you can bring your own and keep the costs down."

The Parrot in Church Lane, formal-

ly Simple Simons, only opened under its new name in the summer following an extensive refurbishment.

Yet they too say the bookings are coming thick and fast.

Assistant manager Matt Stamp said: "The Christmas bookings are going well. Christmas Day is fully booked and the other days' bookings have flowed in nicely. People always have money for food and drink."

And it's a similar story in Whitstable.

Michelle Godden from The Duke of Cumberland said: "We're doing alright actually. We have got a few bookings coming in and a couple of big companies from London who've booked their work parties here."

But despite there being no shortage of reservations, some restaurateurs suspect that diners themselves will be more reserved than in previous years.

Patricia Guerrera, assistant manager of Cafe Belge in St. Dunstan's Street, said: "It's difficult to tell what the impact will be at the moment. We are still getting the bookings, but I expect people will spend less when they are actually here, especially on drinks as drinks are expensive."

"We rely on Christmas, but you can't force people to spend what they haven't got, and we would rather our customers come here and have a good time with what they have."

Band and choir to perform at dinner

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action, enlisting the help of chefs and bar staff from all over Canterbury to make the dinner a reality.

He said: "It snowballed from there. Lots of pubs and coffee shops around Canterbury are helping out now. Casey's are supplying bar staff to serve soft drinks, I'm getting a couple of chefs from the Victoria Hotel to help with the cooking."

"The homelessness society at the University of Kent, run by Aaron Keily, has been fantastic as well."

Mr Meyritz and his brother Tom are paying for the food, sourced from suppliers to the New Inn Pub, while Acme Catering Company are supplying all the crockery and cutlery.

The entertainment will be provided by bands and a choir from Christ Church University, and each homeless person who attends will also receive a gift, bought from donations which are flooding in online.

Everyone is invited to the dinner at St Peter's Hall in Canterbury, with a suggested donation of £5 for people who are not homeless.

You can donate money to the cause at www.justgiving.com/matthewmeyritz.

Traffic grinds to a halt as bus gets jammed

IT WAS a bridge too low in Swalecliffe after yet another double decker got stuck beneath the railway line.

The bus, which was being used as part of a rail replacement service, hit the railway bridge in Herne Bay Road on Sunday.

Fortunately the bus was carrying just one passenger, and both he and the driver escaped uninjured.

The driver had never driven in Swalecliffe and therefore did not know the area, according to a rail spokesman.

MP climbs on board to join piracy debate

MP Julian Brazier stuck his ear into the stormy issue of piracy law last week.

The Canterbury MP and Shadow Shipping Minister challenged an EU recommendation that piracy should be treated as a crime rather than an act of war, which is the current attitude.

Mr Brazier claimed this could endanger Royal Navy sailors. He said: "The effect of would be to require our armed forces to risk their lives trying to capture pirates – who might then, in some circumstances, be able to claim asylum – rather than simply blowing them out of the water, as the Indian navy has just done."

The comments were made because of increased pirate activity in the Gulf of Aden near Somalia, where the tanker Sirius Star was hijacked.



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Roofing treads into the recyclable age

Company using old tyres as part of sustainable design

EXCLUSIVE

BY GARETH ARNOLD

RECYCLED lorry tyres will form the roof of an innovative new house being built in Herne Bay, but you'll be hard pushed to tell which one.

The tyres have been formed into slates, which look so similar to the real thing that it is hard to tell from even a few feet away – unless of course you try to bend them in half.

The house is being built by a Sittingbourne-based architects firm called Space Shuffle, which specialises in sustainable design. It is one of the first five buildings in the UK to use the new roofing material, which is already utilised in Germany and America.

Architect Patrick Kennedy-Sanigar said: "Obviously Canterbury council planners had never seen these before, and apparently the officer in charge of the application was walking round the office showing this 'slate' to people, asking what they thought of it, and then bending it double."

"It's impossible to tell the difference even from up close unless you bend them, or you smell them. They are smelly old things."

And it's not just the recycled roof that sets the house apart. With the exception of the tyre slate roof, the house is built using entirely natural materials, even down to the insulation, yet it is still the most efficient building in town in terms of running costs.

Mr Kennedy-Sanigar said: "This is probably the most environmentally sustainable build



FLEXIBLE: Architects at Space Shuffle have designed the new rubber 'slate' for a new eco-friendly home in Herne Bay

we have done to date. It is for a couple who were looking for an home with inexpensive running costs."

The house is entirely timber framed, and the insulation is hemp and reformed MDF, materials which the architect says are much better for people's health than glass fibre insulation.

He said: "It all came to the fore about 15 years ago with sick building syndrome. Businesses in London started realising their high rates of staff sickness with breathing

difficulties and the like were due to the materials and construction methods used in the buildings. The buildings themselves were sick."

Other building products said to be bad for people's health include glue used to bond some types of MDF, and carpet adhesives.

Canterbury council has embraced the changes, which are likely to become mainstream over the next ten years as building regulations change.

Clampdown on foul-mouthed louts and poor parking begins

ILLEGAL parking and bad behaviour in the early hours in the St Stephens area of Canterbury has been the subject of a police crackdown.

Officers have been patrolling at peak times and issuing advice or tickets to those found to be parked illegally. As of early this week four motorists have been fined.

Residents of St Michael's Road were also given advice on how to report anti-social behaviour following reports of bad behaviour from people walking home after a night out.

PCSO for the area, Gary Painter, said: "I would like to ask those walking in St Michael's Road after a night out to consider the impact their loud and loutish behaviour can have on young families and those who have to be up early to go to work."

"They deserve the right to a peaceful night's sleep and should not have to listen to bad language and shouting."

"This kind of antisocial behaviour can have a detrimental effect on people's quality of life and we are keen to take action to combat this problem."

Is a reprieve on the cards for under threat Jobcentre?

WHITSTABLE Jobcentre could be set for a reprieve.

It comes after a Government minister said there was to be a review into the closure of such outlets in the light of the economic downturn – sparking hopes the local branch will be saved.

Employment minister Tony McNulty made the comment in his response to a question in the Houses of Parliament by local MP Julian Brazier.

Mr Brazier, who had last week written to the minister, stood up and asked on Monday: "May I urge the minister to reconsider the threat of closure that hangs over the Whitstable Jobcentre, at a time when there is considerable unemployment along the north Kent coast?"

"Unemployment is rising both nationally and regionally, and the proposal will hit some of the most

vulnerable people in my constituency."

Mr McNulty replied: "I announced in passing last week that, given the economic downturn, I thought it appropriate to review the position regarding not only the 25 closures but the future estate rationalisation plan. I shall respond to him and other constituency MPs in due course."

Speaking after the work and pensions question time Tory MP Mr Brazier said: "In a time of national economic uncertainty, with unemployment expect to rise, it is important that Jobcentres remain open to help and advise people back into work. The Whitstable Jobcentre is vital in our local attempts to limit the impact of recession in our community. I am glad that at this late stage the government is reviewing the plans for closure and hope that good sense will prevail."

Charity warmly receives scarves

SHAKE Shed enjoyed a heartwarming response to its campaign to provide scarves for the city's homeless this winter, as featured in Yourcanterbury earlier this month.

The Sun Street milkshake store ran a promotion where customers could exchange scarves for a cup of their special hot chocolate.

The scarves were then passed on to the Scrine Foundation, who gave them to homeless people.

More than 140 scarves were handed in as part of the promotion.

Camilla Church, manager at Shake Shed, said: "On behalf of the Shake Shed team and The Scrine Foundation we would like to thank everyone who donated a scarf to Canterbury's homeless."

"The campaign was a great success, with more than 140 scarves donated to the charity."

"Our hot chocolate drinks have also gone down a storm, with the favorite being chocolate fudge brownie topped with mini marshmallows and Galaxy Minstrels."

"Although our free hot chocolate promotion has finished, we are still taking in scarves to donate to this worthy cause."

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LYNGO Theatre is presenting a Christmas production of Hansel and Gretel at the Gulbenkian next month.

Starring Patrick Lynch from CBBC's Razzle Dazzle as Hansel, the show features Lyngo's trademark captivating songs and striking imagery. The production is aimed at families and children over four and runs from December 9-23.

Tickets are £9 for adults and £7 for children, with a family and friends ticket at £35 for five people. For online booking, visit www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk.

BabyLady scoops top nursery retailer gong

A NURSERY store in Canterbury has been named the best in the south east.

BabyLady, situated just off Sturry Road, won south east retailer of the year in the annual Nursery Retailer of the Year awards. The shop was judged on customer service, product-quality and knowledge of products.

It was set up by entrepreneur Debbie Homer Davis 17 years ago and now employs 10 staff. She said: "I would like to pay tribute to my wonderful team without whom we could not have won."

Partnership offers charity cash boost

WITH the credit crunch making grants increasingly difficult for voluntary and community groups to find, Canterbury council has come up with a new initiative.

The Social Enterprise Hub, a partnership between the council and business groups, offers expertise and information which will help charities set up their own businesses to generate income – a major step in becoming more self-sufficient and less reliant on grant funding.

To find out more, contact Mella White on 01227 862516, or email mella.white@canterbury.gov.uk.

Picture perfect gifts

LOOKING for an unusual Christmas gift this year?

Then check out the work of photorealist artist Sarah Graham, who is featured in a Christmas exhibition at the Art Room in the Fenwick department store.

New edition prints of her work, and works by other artists, are available now.

The Art Room is on the second floor of the store in St George's Street, Canterbury.

British artists 'too costly' for Wallis statue

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

SKY-high demands from British artists forced those behind a statue of 'bouncing bomb' creator Sir Barnes Wallis to commission the sculpture from the United States.

The £25,000 bronze statue was unveiled last week, after being commissioned from Maine-based sculptor Tom White.

It commemorates the trial runs of Wallis's cunning invention off the north Kent coast during the World War Two. The subsequent raids on Germany's industrial heartland were later immortalised in the film The Dam Busters, with Michael Redgrave portraying Wallis.

During early 1943, Wallis was a frequent visitor to Herne Bay and nearby Reculver where the bombs – which skipped across the surface of the water to evade torpedo nets – were tested.

There was criticism the commission for the statue should have been given to a local artist.

But Herne Bay Town Partnership, the organisation behind the project, said 'shopping local' would have added £10,000 to the price tag.

The commission was put out to tender in 2006 and town centre co-ordinator Chris West said the partnership

was more than happy with the results. He said: "Initially, people did ask, 'Why are you going to America when you could use a British artist?"

"But we put it out to tender and the response was not very inspiring. We thought people would be queuing up to do it, but no one seemed that interested in taking it on."

"And even with shipping it in from Maine, Tom White quoted a price £10,000 lower than anyone in Britain. "No one could convince us they could do a job to the same standard as Tom."

Despite admitting that he had never heard of Barnes Wallis or the Dam Busters when he took on the task two years ago, Mr White rose to the challenge, immersing himself in the story of Wallis and 617 Squadron.

He said: "I'm glad we've been able to pay tribute to such an amazing man in this way."

However, the unveiling of the sculpture has not been without controversy, with the plaque describing the Dam Busters raid as 'infamous'.

Operation Chastise saw 617 Squadron mount attacks on Germany's Ruhr dams in May 1943.

They suffered heavy losses but breached two dams, providing a huge morale boost to the Allies.



ARMS AND THE MAN: The Barnes Wallis statue at Herne Bay

Where magic is the natural selection

THEY are behind some of the UK's biggest and best-loved pantomimes and will once again be staging this year's spectacular at the Marlowe Theatre.

And you can take a special behind-the-scenes peak at what it takes to put the magic into theatres at Christmas on our free broadband TV website www.yourkenttv.co.uk.

Presenter Julie Maddocks visited the offices of Evolution Productions, based just outside Deal, where preparing the shows is a year-round job.

This year it will be producing five pantos

and providing scenery, costumes and props for a further nine.

More than 100 costumes have been made for this year's productions. Costume and set designer Helga Wood explained: "We don't make them all from scratch. Many are recycled and we try to re-use as much material as we possibly can."

"Although with such hard wear on the costumes, we do have make sure they can stand up to seven performances a week."

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DJ's cherished dinghy found wrecked after vandals strike



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SCUPPERED: James Heming noticed his dinghy was missing while cycling along Tankerton seafront

VANDALS have wrecked a boat owned by Invicta FM breakfast show host James Heming, leaving it floating upturned off the coast of Herne Bay.

And the popular DJ was left all at sea when he made the shock discovery that his pride and joy had been trashed and cut adrift from its moorings at Tankerton Slopes.

Now the popular host has been forced to write-off the boat he loved.

It capped a mixed week for Mr Heming after being joined on his morning show by new co-host Gemma Shepherd, who is already proving a hit with listeners.

But he also learned his cherished 1975 Laser dinghy was missing from its usual mooring point.

It was only when Mr Heming was cycling along Tankerton seafront, on his way to a party to welcome his new co-host, that he noticed the 13ft boat had gone.

And after telling the story on-air, he was able to piece together what had happened.

It transpired the dinghy had been van-

■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

dalised and pushed into the sea. Luckily, a fisherman from Whitstable passed an upturned boat three miles off Herne Bay and was kind enough to tow it ashore.

Mr Heming said: "I had to go to Whitstable Harbour to identify the boat. I felt like I was identifying a body."

"As they peeled back the covers I could see it was my boat and they respectfully covered it back up to save me from the horrors that lay underneath."

"Basically, it's a wreck. To replace all the missing and damaged parts would cost more than the boat is worth."

"It's a shame vandals do this, but this story also shows that there are some good guys around who are willing to go out of their way to return the boat to shore and protect other people using the sea."

It was announced in September that Invicta FM will soon rebrand as Heart, becoming part of a national network of 33 stations with a combined audience of about seven million.

Wheelie on a roll

A GROUP of MS sufferers have taken their entertaining formation mobility scooter displays on the road.

The Red Wheelies team was formed originally to raise money for the MS Therapy Centre in Canterbury.

But last week they went to Ashford to mark the opening of a new Shopmobility outlet in County Square.

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yourcanterbury NEWS IN BRIEF

Keep valuables out of sight, police warn

THEFTS in the city are getting odder as the credit crunch prompts criminals to try anything to get cash.

And it has brought fresh warnings from police about keeping valuables hidden.

Traditional targets such as sat navs, mobile phones and cameras remain popular. However, as the economic downturn continues, criminals are finding more creative ways to make quick cash.

Recent thefts include a compressed air bottle used for diving, taken from a Peugeot 206 in Clement Close at the beginning of November, and a bottle of aftershave swiped from a Ford Escort in Brymore Close between November 4 and 5.

Officers are now using bikes to perform sweeps of car parks in an effort to catch the thieves and also warn motorists who leave valuable items on display.

Inspector Gareth Silcock said: "We are keeping a watchful eye on car parks using mountain bikes to patrol hotspots."

Thanet Way pelicans will be upgraded to toucans

PELICAN crossings across the Thanet Way at Chestfield will be upgraded to toucan crossings to provide safe passage for cyclists crossing the busy road.

The project is expected to take three weeks, during which time the crossings will be turned off and the Thanet Way will be taken down to one lane each way.

Toucan crossings are wider than pelican crossings and designed for pedestrians and cyclists to cross together, hence the name - two-can.

The work will be carried out between the two Chestfield roundabouts and the side road between them and the medical centre, and also on the Chestfield Road.

Saturday shuttle buses

FORGET the stress of finding a parking place while Christmas shopping in Canterbury and let the train - and the bus - take the strain.

A shuttle bus service will operate between the city's East and West railway stations and the city centre on Saturdays in the run-up to Christmas. Whitefriars is providing the free service to help reduce traffic congestion.

The service will operate on November 29 and December 6, 13 and 20, between Canterbury East, Canterbury West and Whitefriars.

The first bus will leave the East station at 9am and Canterbury West at 9.15am. Buses will run every 30 minutes, with the last one leaving Whitefriars at 5.30pm.

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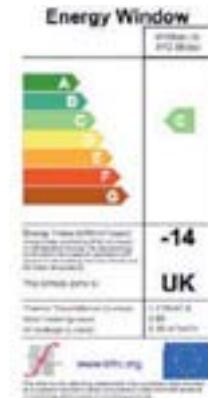
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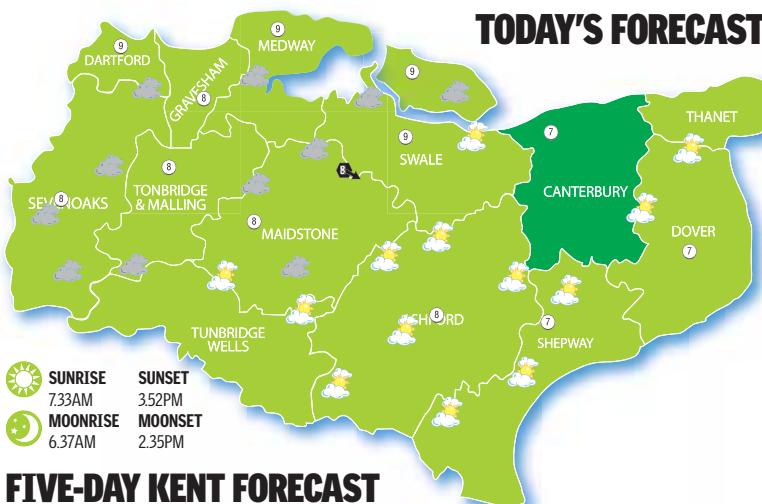
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	Sunday	11:14am	6.4m
Dungeness	Saturday	10:32am	7.4m
	Sunday	11:09am	7.4m
Ramsgate	Saturday	11:06am	4.8m
	Sunday	11:44am	4.8m
Sheerness	Saturday	12:09pm	5.5m
	Sunday	12:46pm	5.5m
Whitstable	Saturday	12:20pm	5.1m
	Sunday	12:58pm	5.0m

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FAMOUS: The Hughes - stars of Channel 4's The Family

Director on life behind the lens with The Family

THE director of hit Channel 4 documentary The Family says the stars of the show are enjoying their newfound fame.

Jon Smith filmed almost 5,000 hours of Harbledown's Hughes clan going about their day-to-day business for the programme, and says he has built a strong relationship with them as a result.

The eight-part series, which attracted an average of 2m viewers, ended this month and has made stars out of dad Simon, mum Jane and children Jessica, Emily, Charlotte and Tom.

Mr Smith said: "It can be a rollercoaster ride being thrust into the public spotlight like that, but they seem to be enjoying the attention."

"I speak to the family pretty regularly and I think they were pleased with the way the show turned out. But then we always showed them the films before we finished them because we wanted to maintain that strong relationship."

"We spent an awful lot of time with the family so it wasn't like a reality show where they would be sat in a jungle or a diary room, not knowing who they were talking to or how they were being portrayed."

The double Bafta award-winning director used an array of small remote-controlled cameras to shoot The Family.

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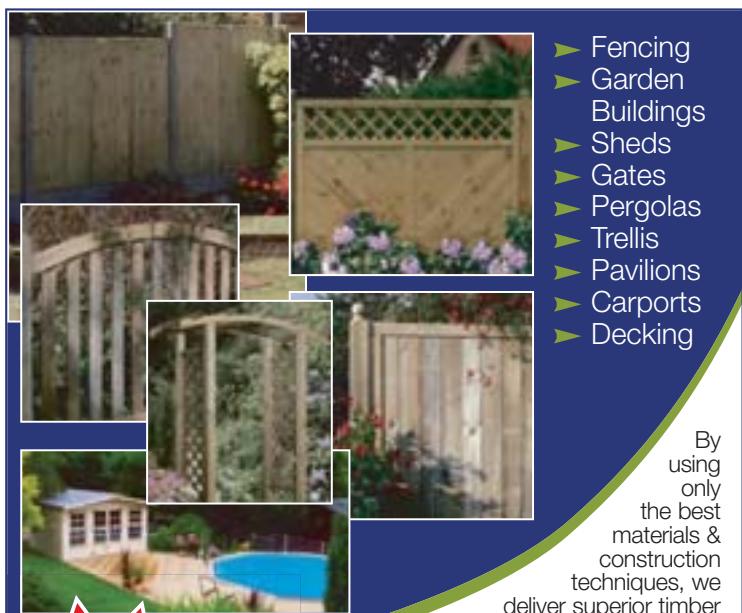
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Howfield Manor Hotel is a family-run business complete with resident ghost. **Gareth Arnold** talks to general manager David Sharma about its recent refurbishment and plans for the future

Q Howfield Manor Hotel is a family run business, tell us a bit about your background in the hotel industry; have your family always been involved in hospitality?

A Yes – the company was founded by my father and mother over 50 years ago. They ran large hotels in London and on the Isle of Man. For as long as I can remember, myself, my sisters and my brother have been associated with hotels and hospitality. From managing a hotel to doing the washing up, or at an early age following the electrician or plumber around when we were not at school, our training started young.

Q Tell us about the recent refurbishment

A Being very much a family company, Paul, my brother, has undertaken the recent refurbishment. I am a little surprised he has kept so calm, as each part of the refurbishment has revealed unexpected challenges that are all too often a part of a building which in the last five years has been neglected, and for two of which was actually closed.

Paul has finally brought both the buildings and grounds back to a position where once again we can breathe new life into the hotel.

Q What do you aim to provide for people staying at the hotel?

A Our vision is to return Howfield Manor to being a relaxing country hotel. We have 15 recently decorated en-suite rooms as well as a restaurant in what was the old chapel, offering a full lunch and dinner service to residents

and non-residents. Most importantly we aim to provide a warm and personal welcome to all our guests.

Q What sort of customers does the hotel attract?

A Paying ones I hope! More seriously my original expectation was a balanced mixture of visitors to Kent, and Kent residents using Howfield for dining, weddings, conferences and events. Almost every day I find that, locally Howfield was very popular and holds fond memories for many people in our surrounding communities and I now expect more of our guests to live nearby.

Q What makes it different from other hotels in the area?

A I think the building and grounds speak for themselves. The personal attention that a family-owned and run hotel can offer is one of our key strengths. What I personally love about Howfield is our ability to be flexible; whatever the event. Our hospitality will reflect the needs and desires of our guests rather than fitting their stay with us into some predefined formula.

Q You held a successful harvest market in September, tell us more about your programme of community events

A The harvest market was great and it was a pleasure for us to be able to host the wealth of local producers who are such an important part of East Kent's economy. As far as possible these producers will be at the heart of our

restaurant, so we are planning to hold another harvest market, hopefully a similar event to herald the spring. We are looking at the possibility of Christmas carols and mince pies, and in the summer using the gardens for various events.

Q Why do you think it's important to host these events?

A We see Howfield not only as a hotel, but as a resource for the community and we are keen to put the Howfield back at the heart of the community, where it belongs.

Q It's obviously an old building; any interesting history or stories attached to it?

A Howfield was originally a 12th century chapel and great hall. All that remains from the original 12th century building are the roof rafters that were taken down in the 16th century and re-assembled flat pack style to hold up the roof for the Tudor make-over of the great hall.

There are still glimpses of 13th century stonework in the restaurant and a 12th century well in the lounge. The old wing is mostly Jacobean. Oh, and a ghost called George.

Q How is the state of the hotel industry at the moment?

A Recession concerns everyone, but Canterbury and Kent are aiming to attract more visitors. If we can successfully show what a beautiful and relaxing part of the country this is then we are most of the way there.

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New limits on booze cruisers hits Kent

BUSINESSES and ports in Kent will be hardest hit by a vote in the European Parliament that threatens to end booze cruise trade, the leader of the UK Independence Party has warned.

Nigel Farage, a MEP for the South East, criticised the new guidelines, which would cut the amount of cigarettes and alcohol Brits can bring back from the Continent, blaming the move on "appalling puritans".

Under the rules the tobacco allowance will be slashed by nearly 90 per cent and booze limits by half. It is tough enough with the fall of the pound against the euro," said Mr Farage.

"A booze cruise to Calais or Boulogne is a good fun day out and very good for Kent, good for Kent business and good for the ports.

"If you take away the cheap fags and booze,

■ BY JENNA PUDELEK

people will not go in big numbers and who does that benefit?

"It is just these appalling puritans wanting to control every aspect of our lives and people will go on smoking and drinking of course."

But those in favour of the guidelines on cross-Channel shopping said it would put a stop to cheap alcohol and cigarettes being resold.

In a knife-edge vote last week, 328 MEPs were in favour and 319 were against the strict new guidelines for "personal consumption".

Three out of 10 South East Euro-MPs, who represent Kent, voted in favour of the legislation, which could come into force in two years' time – Caroline Lucas, leader of the Green Party, Lib Dem Sharon Bowles and Labour's Peter Skinner.

MEPs backed new guidelines of 400 ciga-

rettes, 200 cigarillos and 100 cigars, compared with UK Customs limits for returning travellers of 3,200 cigarettes, 400 cigarillos and 200 cigars.

With drink, the European parliament defined personal consumption as five litres of spirits, 45 litres of wine and 55 litres of beer, as opposed to UK Customs guidelines for personal consumption as ten litres of spirits, 90 litres of wine and 110 litres of beer.

Mr Farage said he planned to fight the cuts.

"I think there is going to be intensive lobbying against it now. Kent will be hardest hit because there is nowhere else you can feasibly go for a day trip to France from."

However, a spokeswoman for ferry operators P&O said it did not think the new rules would affect its trade. "There will still be no legal limit on the amount of goods you can bring back. They are levels, not limits. They are a guide for customs officers to work by."

Gap year travel plans could earn £1,000 bonus

A PROJECT entitled gapyearlotto could be about to bring a new angle to researching student travel.

Aimed at 17- to 26-year-olds, gapyearlotto.com claims to offer a new way to explore the world.

People who register have every click they make on the website's links recorded.

Each click then acts as a raffle ticket in a £1,000 monthly giveaway.

The project is the work of gap year student Charlie Walker. Fed up with using the internet at random, he decided to design his own programme which focused on showing what different countries had to offer.

A spokesman said: "So gapyearlotto.com was born. Despite the name, a gap year is not required to users."

"They just have to be in the student age group and interested in travel. The cash on offer can be used to fund the travel that someone has researched."

The project is in its final stages of completion, and aims to launch on January 1.

Users can sign up for free at www.gapyearlotto.com.

Renowned author to address CPRE

THE Kent branch of the Campaign to Protect Rural England is to hold its annual meeting on Friday.

The group is due to select a new chairman, with Richard Knox-Johnson likely to take the post.

Currently vice-chairman, he is a business consultant specialising in the financial sector and a former soldier.

New nominations for vice-president include Ashford MP Damian Green, county tourist alliance chief and recent

High Sheriff Amanda Cottrell and Sittingbourne and Shepway MP Derek Wyatt.

The meeting, at Lenham Community Centre, starts at 2pm and the charity says any residents who want to see the new officers elected are welcome to attend.

After the meeting, naturalist, author and TV presenter Richard Mabey will give a lecture entitled A Parable from the Backwoods.

BACKWOODS: Naturalist and author Richard Mabey will give a lecture at CPRE Kent's annual meeting at Lenham on Friday



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Campaign signs up to save lives

■ BY NICK AMES

SPEED camera sites are set to have posters fixed to them spelling out just why they are there to slow down motorists.

Amid continued claims that speed cameras are installed purely to boost revenue streams, the Kent & Medway Safety Camera Partnership has launched a scheme whereby posters show the number of casualties in the three years before each camera was set up.

The latest stage of the Speed Shatters Life campaign was launched this week with head injuries charity Headway.

It is hoped that the green posters will highlight just why the cameras are necessary.

The partnership says each safety camera acts as a memorial for those who have been killed or seriously injured on the county's roads and it hopes the current poster campaign will make motorists slow down and think about their driving, not only at camera sites but on all roads in the county.



Katherine Barrett, communications officer for the partnership, said: "Speed Shatters Life aims to remind road-users that cameras have been installed to prevent death and serious injury on roads in Kent and Medway and are not there to make money."

"Since the partnership launched in July 2002, there has been an average 58 per cent reduction in those killed or

seriously injured at all our camera sites.

"We hope that on seeing the posters motorists will slow down and stick within the legal speed limit for everyone's safety."

Linda Kerley, Headway East Kent chief executive, said: "Road traffic crashes cause up to 50 per cent of all brain injuries and Headway are therefore more than happy to work with the partnership to help reduce these numbers."

"A brain injury is a hidden disability which affects not only the survivor of a crash but also their family and friends."

The Headway East Kent charity covers Canterbury, Thanet, Ashford, Dover and Folkestone and offers support and care for those who have sustained a severe head injury, together with their families or carers.

The charity is affiliated to Headway – the brain injury association which is the only UK charity dedicated to the care and reintegration of the head-injured into the community.

For further information, log on to www.headway.org.uk.

Meanwhile, every camera location and its crash figures for before and after camera installation can be viewed at www.kmscp.org.



Youngsters learn to junk fast food

THE majority of youngsters in the South East are unaware of the effects that eating junk food can have, according to a British Heart Foundation (BHF) survey published on Monday.

It revealed almost eight out of ten children (78 per cent) were unaware a shortened life was the worst consequence of eating badly.

Almost half (46 per cent) of all eight- to 15-year-olds thought the most dangerous side-effects of junk food were making them put on weight, causing their teeth to rot, giving them spots, or making them unpopular.

The charity released the new survey results as it launched its latest Food4Thought initiative and its new online game, the Yoobot, to help children to make informed food choices.

Latest predictions show two-thirds of children will be over-

weight or obese by 2050 and today's youngsters may be the first generation to live shorter lives than their parents.

Almost a third (31 per cent) of 10- and 11-year-olds are overweight or obese.

The Yoobot is an online game (yoobot.co.uk) which allows children to play with their future, helping them understand the long-term effects of a poor diet.

BHF director of prevention and care, Mike Knapton, said: "Today's junk food generation are missing the fact that eating unhealthily can have dire consequences on long-term health."

"The Yoobot is an innovative way for children to explore the effects of eating a diet of junk food. It is now more important than ever for children to be educated enough to take control of their diets."

Takeaway allowed to re-open after cockroach infestation

A FOOD outlet forced to close last month after inspectors found it infested with cockroaches has been allowed to reopen after cleaning up its act.

The Masala Bay takeaway in Herne Bay High Street had been closed

down by Canterbury council after a visit on October 24.

But following another visit on Friday, environmental health inspectors confirmed there was no longer "an imminent risk to health due to

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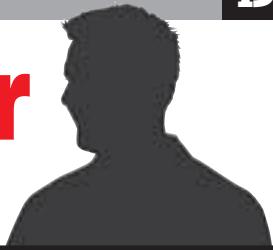
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Government's verdict could be last orders for our pubs

THE last few years have not been kind to pub landlords and pub-goers will find it hard to disagree with Shepherd Neame supremo Jonathan Neame's rant in The Times newspaper this week.

The local brewery boss went as far as accusing the government of "gross cultural vandalism" following years of increased alcohol taxation, leading to locals closing at an alarming rate.

While Mr Neame, whose company operates 375 pubs in the south east, has something of a vested interest, the basic argument is hard to fault. It's hard to see how raising the tax on alcohol is going to help matters when the only people it seems to be penalising are landlords and those who prefer the pub to the park bench.

Because supermarkets can afford to sell at a loss it is still possible to buy a three-litre bottle of cider for three quid – cheaper than a pint in many Kent pubs these days.

Now, there is no way that situation can pos-

sibly lead to less binge drinking. In fact, high pub prices may well have the opposite effect.

For a long time now the high bar tariffs have encouraged people to get tanked up before they even set foot out the front door.

At least when drinking pints in a pub you stand a fighting chance of keeping track of what you've had and spreading your drinking over the course of a night. Whereas we all know measures tend to be more generous at home, and hurried rounds of shots, downed before jumping into a taxi, is hardly a healthy thing to encourage.

But this is exactly what is happening.

No one is arguing that irresponsible drinking in town centres does not cause problems. It does, but taxation is not the way to deal with it.

It's possible to see a case for banning drinks promotions and happy hours, but just increasing the price is a simplistic response that is bound to fail, and could even exacerbate the problems.

People want to drink because it can be fun, sociable and at best the friendly local can become a focus for communities both.

I live in a village which is lucky enough to

have a thriving pub, frequented by characters from all walks of life who come together for a chat over a couple of pints.

It plays a key role in the community and its role, should it be lost due to yet another government enforced price hike, could send us all scurrying back to our homes never to meet, greet and socialise with one another again. Which, given this is the sort of community every government wants to be seen to be encouraging, would be a mighty blow were it to be lost.

As Mr Neame says: "Most people in the country want to have a strong, vibrant pub near them, characterised by great beer, good food and wine and, crucially, good ambience and fellowship. Such pubs exist, but they are struggling against a government that has come to regard pubs as a tax-collection point on one hand and a social problem on the other."

I'll raise a glass to protecting them.

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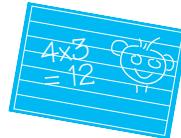


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A spectacular dance display at Langton



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SPECTACULAR: Dance evening is popular with pupils



create the choreography for Kung Fu Fightin', a piece performed by girls in the Year 8 and 9 dance club.

Miss Ogilvie said: "Dance evening is a major event for Langton girls as a vast number of students and teachers contribute, whether they are performing, supporting or assisting backstage. For some girls it is their first experience of performing and an opportunity to show off their talents."

Ms Stücker and the girls put a lot of hard work into the show and it always proves to be an enjoyable and successful event."

More than 250 girls took part in Spectacular Spectacular, which ran over two nights last week, attended by teachers, parents and pupils.

BREAK TIME

From Auntie Beeb to anti-bullying

CHILDREN'S BBC presenter Michael 'Abs' Absalom, pictured, went back to school last week to help raise awareness of Anti-Bullying Week at Chaucer Technology School.



Teacher recruitment agency Three R's enlisted the help of Abs, who took a special assembly at the school launch the week.

He spoke to teachers and children about his experiences of bullying, and afterwards stayed to answer questions and sign autographs.

He said: "When Three R's invited me to be involved in such a worthwhile event I was delighted to attend."

"I have been able to witness the excellent work taking place locally and hope I have been able to offer insight and motivation in overcoming and dealing with bullying issues."

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■ BY GARETH ARNOLD

FEATURING everything from classical scores to hip hop beats, the annual dance evening at Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School demonstrated the vast range of talent at the specialist music college.

Including performances from every year group, the show – entitled Spectacular Spectacular – brought together an array of different styles with dozens of dances, both traditional and modern.

The majority of dances were choreographed by the school's head of dance Anette Stücker, who has been rehearsing hard with year groups to get the show to its normal high standard.

She said: "I am very proud of the hard work the girls have put in to finish the dances. The last two weeks have been the busiest ever."

"As the dances took shape the girls gained in confidence and their excitement grew day by day."

But some of the dances were put together by the girls themselves as part of their dance course.

One such piece was Transformation, a post-modern dance devised by Year 11 pupils for

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their expressive arts coursework. The experienced dancers also helped younger pupils by working on the choreography with Ms Stücker.

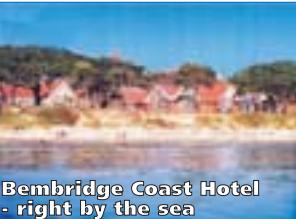
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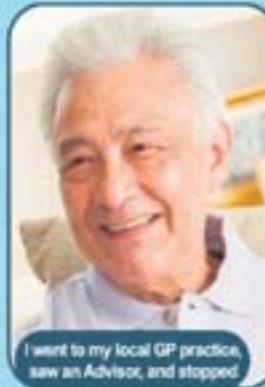


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ISAAC
TAYLOR



The head of careers and psychology at Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School discusses his job and life

Tell us a bit about yourself?

I was born in America, in Boston, but my dad was an English academic. I came over here for an adventure but decided to stay. That was eight years ago.

I did my teacher training at Canterbury High School then moved to Simon Langton Girls' Grammar.

I guess psychology is a popular subject?

It is a popular subject, especially with girls. The classes we have are all large and have a very low dropout rate.

How do you teach psychology at A level?

The curriculum is now more focused on experimentation – that was one of the criticisms of the old curriculum that there was not enough practical work.

But now we carry out practical studies as often as we can.

For example, we recently looked at the social readjustment rating scale, which measures the number of changes in someone's life against the levels of illness they suffer.

You find that the more changes someone goes through, the higher their rates of illness, even if those changes are positive.

But it's really geared towards adults, so we developed a kind of teen social readjustment rating scale.

We actually found a weak correlation. They love getting positive findings and I think they learn a lot more from this kind of exercise. It's more interesting than just listening to a teacher standing at the front of a class, and it also gives the students more respect for the other studies they read.

They realise how hard it is to design a successful study, so instead of saying "that study is not very good," they now say "that study has certain weaknesses", and they can identify what those are.

YOUR LETTERS

Speeding drivers are pretty boring

As an "avid" viewer of programmes like Police, Camera Action, etc, Clive Wilkins-Oppler must realise these programmes are made for entertainment, so consequently it shows the worst sort of drivers, stolen vehicles, banned drivers all driving like maniacs to escape capture.

I'm seriously suggesting that this is representative of the general "speeding" motoring public? Showing drivers exceeding speed limits by five or 10mph or doing 90 miles per hour on a deserted motorway would be pretty boring, but is the basis of the mass prosecution that is the norm.

Terry Hudson
Herne Bay

Slower speeds save our children's lives

So self-appointed motorists' champion Terry Hudson thinks speed limits are politically motivated?

My motivation for wanting lower speed limits is to save lives, especially those of children. If that's politics, I'm proud to be politically motivated.

Cllr Michael Steed
Lib Dem, Barton

Doing a disservice to our culture

As the author of the blog on video games in Yourcanterbury two weeks ago, I feel obliged to



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write and point out that your correspondent Clive Wilkins-Oppler has misinterpreted my point.

He quotes me suggesting it would be a "disservice to the

young" to withdraw some of the more gruesome titles.

In fact, what I actually said was as follows: "There are games, films, songs and books which can all influence the weak-willed and

deluded into blurring the lines between fact and fiction. But removing them would be to do our culture and our young a disservice."

Which is quite different.

G Cross
Whitstable

Force civil servants to use park and ride

Isn't it time Colin Carmichael, the chief executive, looked at some of the bizarre featherbedding at one of Britain's worst eco-cities?

With huge pay rises and pension pots, isn't it time leader John Gilbey got stuck into council reform? It's as if the only policies are selling off public greenbelt land for yet more housing to cover the shortfalls.

For example, how is it sensible for council staff to receive free park and ride – unlike the public – and have use of the large car parks by the council offices?

Shouldn't Colin invest in a bike, remove council company cars, encourage all the civil servants to use the park and ride with wage deductions if necessary, and redevelop the car parks for brownfield site housing, and base any non-essential services by the coast to stimulate the economy?

A Thatcherite reform of the public sector if you will.

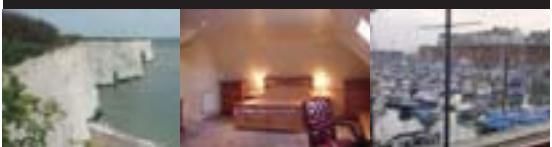
Tim Garbett
By Email

Tories killing off coastal economies

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centres on the plan to cut the council's safety boat.

The budget documents prepared by Herne Bay Tory supremo Peter Lee say the council safety boat will no longer be needed as its role can be carried out in future by the Whitstable Harbour launch.

The harbour launch is an impressive bit of kit and can even achieve speeds of 35 knots. But it is not designed to operate in surf or shallow waters so it can't possibly replace the safety boat that patrols off Herne Bay and Whitstable beaches.

Presumably, as the launch can only operate in deeper waters, anyone getting into difficulty off our local beaches will now have a choice between trying to make it back to land or swimming further out so that they can be rescued by the launch.

Yet again this Tory budget has been shown to be a triumph of stupidity over common sense. It is poorly thought through and frankly not fit for purpose. It is bad enough they plan to increase parking charges in the car parks in Herne Bay and Whitstable by a whopping 30 per cent and are planning to increase beach hut rents by nearly 20 per cent.

It seems they are trying to kill the economy of our coastal towns the same way they have destroyed Canterbury's city centre by constantly increasing car parking charges there.

Clr Alex Perkins
Canterbury LibDems

MEPs must act now on major noise issues

Noise is one of the most consistently neglected public health issues. For Kent and Medway, traffic growth

and aviation expansion both depend upon the public tolerating even more noise than they do already, despite the health effects.

The European Parliament's Industry Committee has rejected modest noise policies which would have removed the noisiest tyres from use no later than 2018. Since half of the EU's population is exposed to noise levels likely to damage their health, according to World Health Organisation standards, this is not a minor issue.

On December 2, 2008, the Internal Market Committee of the European Parliament will vote on this issue. Kent Green Party urges the public to write to their Members of the European Parliament, to prevent further weakening of noise policies.

Go to www.writetothem.com to find your MEPs.

Steve Dawe
Kent Green Party

Tories must answer for web TV vanity

As someone who spends his working life in newspapers, I am saddened to see the tough times being suffered by the local newspaper industry in this country.

However, are your readers aware of the threats to the local press caused not by the advertising recession but by publicly-funded bodies?

I refer to the BBC and our very own Kent County Council.

The BBC wants to increase its local news coverage on the web in direct competition to local news organisations who have been involved with their communities for years and always seek to give

readers a voice. The corporation has been panned in recent years for incidents of 'politically correct, left-wing bias'.

And here in Kent our own county council has spent more than £1 million of council tax payers' money on is making its own – unsuccessful so far – web TV.

Now the Tory-controlled council looks set to spend another £400,000



FREE PRESS: David Cameron backs local media

of our cash on the vanity project as well.

Last week Conservative leader David Cameron assured the Newspaper Society that a Conservative government would not allow the BBC to destroy the local press using money everyone is forced to pay through the licence fee.

So, why are his Conservative chums at County Hall carrying on with their own money-wasting project when their own leader can clearly see that a local free press, without political bias is vital to this country?

I believe the county council has a lot of explaining to do.

T Smith
By email

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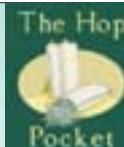
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Current best seller is fish pie in a creamy sauce topped with organic mash and baked to order – it can take 30 minutes to cook but is well worth the wait.

Lisa has cooked for both Jamie Oliver and Gordon Ramsay and Live Aid hero Bob Geldof has also been in.

"I would love to cook for the Prime Minister or a member of the royal family," said Lisa. "I think it would be a challenge but I would love to cook for Jamie Oliver again. I love him."

An excellent location and top quality food and drink make the White Horse a popular destination with discerning diners.

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Yoshi operates a special offer – any five plates for £10 or any 10 plates for £17.50 which is really great value for money.

This also encourages customers to focus on trying new dishes and there is a vast range to choose from.

The friendly staff are also on hand to help and advise to make sure the meal is a truly relaxed affair.

Yoshi's menu includes Japanese and oriental style noodle soups, tempura basket, curries and meat dishes

The first floor has been turned into a Thai restaurant and function room with seating for a further 70 guests. Bookings are now being



taken for private functions and Christmas parties.

Yoshi is open 6pm to 11pm Monday to Saturday and is in Upper Bridge Street, close to the city centre.

Now's the time to book

■ The George, Canterbury

CHRISTMAS bookings are now being taken at The George, Shalmsford Street, Chatham so the best advice is book early to avoid disappointment.

There is also a very popular curry night being held on Friday with a choice of main dish served with rice, poppadoms, dips, naan bread and onion bhajis – all for just £6 per person.

Thursday night is steak night at £20 per couple – this includes a rump steak with all the trimmings and half a bottle of wine.

A popular dish is homemade shepherds pie with cheese on top, and with a very large beer garden children are very welcome in the pub.

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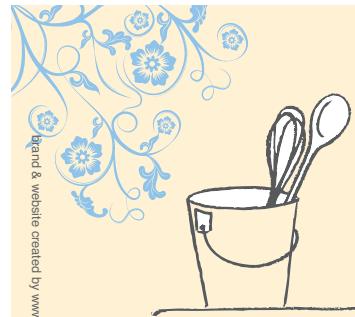
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GOOD FRIENDS: Some of the cast of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, below Emma Barton is a real honey as the pantomime's leading lady

Take a bite
out of panto

Marlowe's final Christmas is sure to be a laugh

HEIGH ho, heigh ho, it's off to work we go as the Marlowe's Christmas pantomime gets under way.

The spectacular show will be packed with family fun and an all-star cast as they bring the story of Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs to life. With lots of laughs, great singing and dancing, stunning costumes, magical scenery and some fun audience participation, there should be plenty to keep people of all ages entertained.

The beautiful Snow White is played by Emma Barton, who played Honey Mitchell in Eastenders. Children's TV favourite Stephen Mulhern is back by popular demand as the cheeky Court Jester, while local legend Dave Lee will be picking up the gosh gag bench as Nurse Nellie.

Ben Roddy, whose stage credits include Deep Blue Sea, Pride and Prejudice and An Evening With Gary Lineker, will play Herman the Henchman. American actress Valerie Cutko will be bringing the Wicked Queen to life, while Kent's own Phil Holden will be appearing as one of the dwarfs. The dashing Prince Lorenzo is played by Richard Hurst, who has a variety of stage, TV and music credits to his name.

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the tale, giving the dwarfs individual names for the first time and creating what remains a favourite film with contemporary audiences more than 70 years later.

When a kindly Queen hopes to have a beautiful daughter, her wish is granted and the child is named Snow White. But her mother dies and the King then marries a vain and spiteful woman. Every day the Wicked Queen asks her enchanted mirror 'who is the fairest of them all?' and receives a satisfactory answer.

But one day the mirror tells her Snow White is now the fairest in all the land and, in a jealous fury, the Wicked Queen orders that her step-daughter be killed. Unable to carry out the deed, a henchman releases Snow White into the forest where she finds friendship with an unlikely band of characters - Doc, Happy, Sneezy, Grumpy, Bashful, Sleepy and Dopey.

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The Noise Next Door will be performing at Orange Street on a monthly basis, giving Canterbury audiences the chance to enjoy their energetic shows and razor-sharp wit. Having won praise from high profile comedians such as Ed Byrne and Lucy Porter, the group is surely on its way up.

The show starts at 8pm, tickets are £8/£6. See www.orangestreetmusic.com for details.

CHRIS ADDISON

Wednesday, December 3
Gulbenkian Theatre, Canterbury



EXPECT whimsy and lies when award-winning comedian Chris Addison comes to Canterbury next week.

With his energetic routines, daft ideas and faultless delivery, Addison was nominated for the former Perrier Awards twice and is now seen as one of the UK's most versatile comics. He appeared in the Bafta Award-winning political comedy series *The Thick Of It* and this year wrote and starred in his own BBC2 sitcom, *Lab Rats*. Set in a university research laboratory, it featured a host of bizarre characters all trying to advance science while coping with their varied personal lives.

He landed his own BBC radio series, Chris Addison's *Civilisation*, in 2006 and



that year he won the Sony UK Radio Award for Best Comedy Show for his anthropological lecture series *The Ape That Got Lucky*, with Dan Tetsell.

His comedy is described as a mixture of 'smartypants' daftness, whimsy, perspiration,

lies and jokes'. At the time of writing, tickets were selling fast so move quickly to secure your seat.

The show starts at 7.45pm and tickets cost £14. Call the box office on 01227 769075 or book online at www.gulbenkiantheatre.co.uk.

alongside Barbra Streisand. He was heading towards a career in medicine following the death of his grandmother from cancer, but his life was to change when he was offered a job writing songs for a music publishing company.

Despite a slow start to his career as a performer, Diamond's songs were soon becoming huge hits for artists such as Elvis Presley, Deep Purple, Lulu and Cliff Richard.

He went on to score worldwide hits throughout the 60s, 70s and 80s – some reports put his record sales at more than 100 million – and he continues to enjoy a strong following all over the world.

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Open your eyes to see behind a great display

THE work of artist Tania Ashby can be seen at a gallery in Herne Bay this week.

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BY GARY WRIGHT

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And when we want to get away for a few days, we are surely the best placed in Britain: Europe is just 22 miles away.

I never understand why people subject themselves to a day driving to Devon or Cornwall only to face endless jams and over-priced food?

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Two hours on a ferry and you are in a charming foreign country and if the mood takes you, you can be in a Mediterranean cafe in less time than it takes you to drive to a Cornish beach in summer.

And for a short break, France has always offered the people of Kent a lot.

I'd forgotten what Dunkirk was like. It's right on our doorstep really but over the years I have missed it because I've either turned right at the port heading for Le Touquet or Normandy or if I have turned left I've generally been heading for Germany or further east.

NorfolkLine ferries out of Dover will take you to Dunkirk port in two hours for just £19 if you chose your time right.

Well the port's not actually in Dunkirk, the town's another 11km east but don't miss the charming little town of Gravelines which is actually much closer and definitely worth a visit.

A walled town surrounded by canals, it has markets twice a week, pretty architecture and my meal in Le Harlequin restaurant near the seafront ranks in my top ten seafood meals, ever.

Dunkirk though is a bustling town which still feels prosperous and balances nicely its



HISTORIC PORT: The Duchesse Anne, one of the Musee Portuaire attractions in Dunkirk

historic past and industrial present with the shopping and restaurants demanded by visitors.

After a few days in France the only thing I ever miss is a decent cup of tea, so I was pleasantly surprised to find a really lovely tearoom, La Palmerae.

It's decorated with an African jungle theme, tucked away just off the main shopping centre, and it is popular with locals of all ages who popped for a cup of Darjeeling or Earl Grey (or about a dozen other types) along with a crepe or gaufre (a pancake or waffle respectively).

Dunkirk has a lot of history, founded in the 8th Century it is still France's third most important port (and I learned the very last city to be liberated in 1945).

Damm, I was determined not to mention 1940, Operation Dynamo or the Little Ships, so I won't – but be assured the town has not forgotten.

History goes back way before the Wars though, so look out for Jean Bart. You won't miss him, there's a huge statue in the centre of town.

Part private pirate and part French naval man, during the late 1600s Dunkirk's most celebrated son saved Paris from starvation and gave the British Navy a kicking at sea too.

An interesting chap as I discovered to my delight at the Musee Portuaire (picture left).

I'm not a big fan of museums but I was genuinely pleased I popped in. Alongside a look the dockworkers' lives over the years in Dunkirk, and a summary of the aforementioned M. Bart's successes, there is a special exhibition until January: The Story of the Liner.

Dunkirk made 11 between 1914 and 1966 and the museum shows models with mock up cabins and uniforms. But the jewel for me is the 24-minute colour promotional film from 1953. A true insight into the time complete with period racial stereotyping and everyone smoked (well they were French).

Nowadays smoking indoors is banned and the social character of France has changed slightly. But for a couple of days, the town offers a convenient-taste of France on our doorstep.

We would like to thank the tourism offices in Dunkirk and Gravelines and Norfolkline Ferries (0844 8475042 or www.Norfolkline.com) for their help.



MALO les BAINS: Where holidaymakers head in Dunkirk for the summer

FACT FILE: FRANCE

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Capital	Paris
Population	60.7 million
Language	French
Climate	North, as UK
Religion	Catholic
Currency	Euro (1.17 approx to £1)

Travel details

There are several themed short break programmes for stays in Dunkirk and the French Flanders region through the Office de Tourisme Dunkerque Dunes de Flandre region.

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Other breaks include the Dunkerque Gourmet Weekend from 99 euros per person.

Discovering the fortifications of Gravelines and its history costs from 91 euros per person (based on two people sharing). One night at a bed and breakfast or hotel, gourmet dinner, museum entry a canal tour, audioguide of the walled town.

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Yummy mummy

See how style guru Nicole gave Sunita a new look

YOUNG mum Sunita Ralh decided she needed to dump her T-shirt and jeans for a new glam look so we sent her along to Detail Style image studio to meet Nicole Pitt-Williams, a qualified fashion and image stylist.

Sunita was determined to find some alternatives that are simple to maintain as she juggles a hectic life as a full-time mum and beauty therapy student.

"But I still like to have fun with my girlfriends when I have the chance and I wanted Nicole to help me find the right look," she said.

First Nicole gave Sunita, 27, from Folkestone, a colour consultation to find the perfect hues to complement her skin tone, eye and hair colour.

She explained: "I then moved on to the style consultation, which looks at the body as a whole and works on proportions, camouflaging the parts we like to hide and highlighting the assets."

So it was off to New Look in Ashford, where they stock the fabulous Inspire range for sizes 18-26 and offer excellent value to fit Sunita's budget.

Sunita said: "I'm really happy with the result and now I'm looking forward to showing off my new looks. And



GIRL'S GOT STYLE: Casual (Jeans, price £12; top, price £10; faux fur gilet, price £10) or smart (Dress, price £25; shrug, price £12; bow shoes, price £20), Sunita has a new style for every occasion, and has been transformed from her previous self, left

thanks to the colour swatch and a shopping guide, I'm now really looking forward to shopping alone."

Nicole aims during her consultations to help people find out about styles that suit their body, colours that them perfectly and useful ways of saving money.

So, as well as looking slimmer, younger, more professional and feeling more confident, Detail Style aims help you to shop smart too.

Prices for Nicole's help start from £25. But readers can have a free no obligation 30-

minute consultation, by calling Nicole on 01303 245028 or email her on Nicole@detail-style.com.

And the first 15 readers to contact Nicole will receive a free 50 image Essential Style guide.

Nicole will be running style workshops soon - the first will be held in Folkestone on Saturday, December 6.

- Sunita had her hair restyled by Rachel at DIVA Hair Design, Hythe, 01303 266364

Photographs were taken at The Grand, The Leas, Folkestone.

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**Say cheese! Expert has
some tips on best buys**

STOCK your Christmas cheese board with help from an expert as Kevin Beer reveals his top tips.

Mr Beer is a cheese grader for Pilgrims Choice West Country Farmhouse Cheddar and he tastes about 40,000 cheeses every year. His recommendations for the perfect cheese board are Pilgrims Choice Mature Cheddar; Belton Red Leicester; Somerset brie; Webster's stilton and Wensleydale with cranberries.

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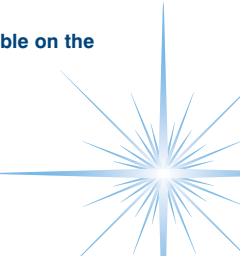
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■ BY KATE WHITING

LEONARDO DiCaprio has come a long way from being the 23-year-old heartthrob who sparked teenage mania in the blockbusting tearjerker *Titanic*.

Ten years on he still has the same youthful good looks, which today are partially covered with a little beard, and he still draws a screaming crowd to premieres, but he's a far more serious actor.

He campaigns about the environment, is politically outspoken and chooses his roles carefully.

When we meet to discuss his latest film, *Body Of Lies*, at a swish London hotel, it's just days after Barack Obama's historic US presidential election victory and DiCaprio is clearly thrilled.

"I was in Rome [on election day]. I stayed up all night and watched the results come in and it was an overwhelming, resounding victory for our fantastic new president. I couldn't be more excited," he says.

Appropriately, *Body Of Lies* deals with the very real ramifications of the outgoing President George W Bush's 'war on terror' in the Middle East.

DiCaprio plays Roger Ferris, a CIA agent on the ground, spying on terrorist cells, while a fattened-up Russell Crowe plays Ed Hoffman, who plans Ferris' operations from his laptop back home in the USA.

The 34-year-old said: "In a turbulent time like this, when the US is occupying the Middle East, here you have a highly trained CIA operative who's very effective at what he does, he's forged valuable relationships in the Middle East but he's not looking for that



YOUR CALL: Leonardo DiCaprio plays CIA agent Roger Ferris in *Body Of Lies*

quick fix, the appearance of victory, he's looking for long-term solutions and he's trying to respect the culture and reach a positive result. Meanwhile his country is constantly undermining him and usurping his intelligence and I feel like my character was operating in a higher moral context than his country would like him to, and that's fascinating for me.

"He also goes on a long journey where he isn't beholden to any country or idealistic thought or political regime, and he doesn't necessarily believe in the war. What a great character to be able to play, certainly at a time like this."

You could almost believe that DiCaprio was talking about himself or the new US administration.

"There's a lot of differences between the old administration and the new one," he says.

"Obama's been very vocal about wanting to stop the war in the Middle East and the American people have spoken in droves

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about that as well. What's been beautiful for me, going on this film tour, is to see how supportive the rest of the world has been about Obama winning.

"It's really a special time in my life to watch this historic event and it's been more profound that I ever imagined."

In January, DiCaprio will team up with *Titanic* co-star Kate Winslet again in the Oscar-tipped *Revolutionary Road*, directed by Winslet's husband, Sam Mendes.

But rather than recapturing the star-crossed lovers on the doomed ship, DiCaprio and Winslet play a young couple in 1950s America, struggling to make their relationship work.

"She's one of my best friends and we've been in communication a lot since *Titanic*. This project sort of came out of nowhere, it was one she had secretly been developing," he explains.

"We both knew the territory very well and all the stuff that would come with us working together again, but this was a unique piece of material. For a relationship movie, this was diametrically opposed to what we had done before."

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PROPERTY NEWS

'Tenants can look beyond social sector'

HOUSING minister Margaret Beckett has distanced herself from reports that the Government is considering scrapping lifetime social tenancies, but she has said she would like to see people try to move into the private sector.

Speaking at a seminar organised by The Smith Institute think tank, Mrs Beckett described the housing reform green paper on social housing as "very much a work in progress".

She said: "I've made no decision, and nor has any minister, on the content and timing of the green paper.

"We've made substantial improvements to the housing stock, [but] we've not been nearly so good in investing in people who are living in these homes."

And Mrs Beckett indicated that she wanted to encourage social tenants or would-be social tenants to look beyond social housing to the private sector.

"If people could find greater stability and security in the private rented sector, or could take advantage of low-cost home ownership, then maybe fewer would think social housing was their only option," she said.

Charity alarmed by economic distress

EIGHTY per cent of those who took part in a recent survey want the Government to be more active in helping homeowners at risk of having their homes repossessed to combat the risk of people being forced on to the streets this winter.

The poll, for homeless charity St Mungo's, also found 52 per cent of Britons are concerned about their financial situation and more are now cutting down their spending on gas, electricity, heating and food.



AT RISK: Winter on the streets

"We are witnessing a downturn in the economy that is being felt at all levels of society," said St Mungo's chief executive Charles Fraser.

"The Government needs to act quickly if we are to avoid a sharp increase of rough sleepers on the streets."

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WHAT AM I BID?: Even auctions – normally a guaranteed way of shifting houses – have been unable to break the credit crunch's stranglehold on the property market, forcing agents and sellers to become more creative and proactive

A real hammering

THE economic situation could mean a new approach for professionals selling homes, according to experts.

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors says the business of typical 'old-style' estate agents has hit a 30-year low, selling an average of just one home a week.

Property auctions have usually been regarded as a surefire way of getting rid of homes that are difficult to shift, but one last month involved 74 lots of homes and land – and received just three bids and no sales.

While some vendors are now adopting unusual tactics, from staging raffles to throwing in free cars or holidays with their homes, a few pioneering estate agents are considering revolutionising the way they sell properties.

Lauristons estate agency is now charging a £999 flat fee for selling a home instead of the

■ BY NICK AMES

two per cent to three per cent charged by most of its high street rivals, saving prospective sellers of average priced properties as much as £8,000.

"The market's changing and the current economic climate means it probably won't be the same in the future," warned the firm's sales and marketing director, Steve Truman.

Thornley Groves, a traditional estate agency chain, has bought 25 per cent of Brightsale, a pioneering online estate agency.

Brightsale has no physical 'branch'. Its trained negotiators instead advise sellers on how to handle buyers, and will arrange floor plans, photographs and brochures. The fee, if a home sells, is 0.5 per cent, or only a sixth of the levy by many conventional agents.

"We'd been searching for a way to bring

estate agencies into the 21st century. Clients love what we do but in the internet era they expect more," said Thornley Groves' managing director, Michael Groves.

"Estate agencies have a long way to go to harness the power of the internet for the benefit of their customers."

Two other estate agents are trying a different idea – swapping houses. Lynn Thompson and Chris Tinsley run separate agencies but have joined forces to try to 'match' sellers, who are encouraged to swap properties of equal value, or trade up or down and pay the difference.

While some of these pioneering efforts may fall by the wayside when the housing market picks up – business consultancies and agents themselves suggest 2010 as the earliest date that will happen – at least a few of these schemes may last long enough to become mainstream as house selling changes.





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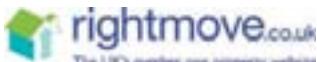
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MOTORS NEWS



Hyundai and Kia soar to join top five carmakers

AUTOCAR magazine has named Hyundai-Kia as its Automotive Manufacturer of the Year at its annual award ceremony in London.

Citing the Korean giant's "mind-blowing" ambition, editor Chas Hallet presented the title to Mr Nam-Yong Kim, president of Hyundai-Kia's European research and development centre in Germany.

Hallett said: "When the irrepressible Hyundai-Kia group started talking, just a few years ago, about wanting to become the world's fifth largest car company behind Toyota, GM, Ford and Audi-VW, many of us were sceptical.

"Then the Korean group got serious. They hatched a plan to assemble a European design and engineering team to conceive a range of models for Europe."

The product of a merger in 1998, Hyundai-Kia currently dominate the Korean domestic car market with an 80 per cent share and this year became the world's fifth largest car-maker according to Automotive News in the US.



Asda sparks price war by cutting petrol costs

SUPERMARKET giant Asda has reigned the fuel price war by lowering its petrol prices to 90.9p per litre.

It is Asda's tenth consecutive cut since July and brings prices to their lowest level since April 2007. The price of diesel has been reduced to 105.9p per litre.

With the price of crude oil continuing to fall, other retailers will be under pressure to follow Asda's lead.

The price of a barrel has dropped to barely 50 US dollars (£33), from almost \$150 (£100) in early July.

Car giants beg for cash

THE three biggest US carmakers have pleaded with Congress for a \$25 billion lifeline to save their once-proud companies from collapse.

"Our industry... a bridge to span the financial chasm that has opened up before us," said General Motors' chief Rick Wagoner.

Chrysler chief Robert Nardelli, added that bailout would be "the least costly alternative" when compared with damage from bankruptcy.

But Republican Senators argues that "inefficient production" and "costly labour agreements" have put the US carmakers at a disadvantage against foreign rivals.



A BRIGHT FUTURE: Instead of dithering with a facelift of the 2002 Fiesta, Ford has completely restyled its latest creation with a coupé roofline and excellent handling

Ford changes into top gear with new Fiesta

HAVING done more than anyone to make the supermini popular in the UK after launching the original Fiesta in 1976, Ford then rested on its laurels.

The company will say the newly-launched replacement is the 'Mark VII', but it is really only the fourth generation.

Ford has turned Fiesta facelifts into an art form and even managed to spin-off the guts of one version to create the underpinnings of the original Ka. You just have to admire such salesmanship and nerve, though it helps when you are market leader and have a vice-like grip on the fleet sector.

But times are changing: the nation wants to downsize and cut costs and emissions while Ford would like to ease out of the cut-throat business sector, move upmarket and woo private buyers.

The US car giant is also looking outside the Fiesta's traditional UK and Europe强强联合, to create a global supermini with all the consequent economies of scale.

So, instead of dithering with a facelift of the

ROAD TEST **FORD FIESTA**

■ BY STEVE LOADER

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

then all-new – but not especially loved – 2002 Fiesta, Ford has gone for another fresh start. And it's an impressive one.

Physically, the car is the same scale as before, rather than a 'super-supermini' like the Peugeot 207 and Renault Clio, perhaps to protect sales of the bigger Focus.

Nevertheless, I thought the knee room good, though lofty passengers will just have to lump it, for the terrific coupé roofline common to both body styles.

Styling inside is typically well-arranged and quality and durability is top-notch, but the drive clinches the deal for me; a well-judged balance between typically sharp handling and ride, light yet responsive steering and a terrific gearshift.

It is a tough call deciding the engine though. I like the all-round competence of the 1.4 TDCi diesel, but the frugal road tax-exempt/low emission 1.6 TDCi diesel ECOnetic is due in January.

Then again, do not ignore the petrol models; they are so quiet and frugal that they could be your best buy if petrol versus diesel pump prices still diverge and your mileages are only average.

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2005	05	Corsa Sxi	1.2	3	Silver lightening	35,000	5,345	2005	05	Zafira Life A/c	1.8	5	Star silver	52,300	5,995							
2005	55*	Corsa SXi A/c	1.2	3	Silver lightening	66,975	4,295	2005	55	New Zafira Life A/c	1.6	5	Flame red	31,650	7,495							
2008	08	New Corsa Club Auto	1.4	5	Silver lightening	7850	9,295	2006	06	Zafira Active CDTi	1.9D	5	Metro blue	21,900	8,495							
2008	08	Corsa Breeze	1.0	5	Black sapphire	1260	8,995	2008	08	New Zafira Breeze CDTi +	1.9D	5	Star silver	3,985	13,995							
2008	08	Corsa Design CDTi	1.3D	3	Star silver	4,150	9,995	2008	08	Zafira Club CDTi	1.9D	5	Star silver	8,500	12,495							
2008	08	Corsa Breeze +	1.2	3	Silver lightening	2,750	8,495	2008	08	Corsair	1.3 CDTi	White	Delivery	£6,995+VAT								
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SIGNUM																						
2007	57	Signum CDTi Exclusiv Nav	1.9D	5	Star silver	9,950	12,995	2007	57	Combo PAS	1.3 CDTi	Silver	Delivery	£7,995+VAT								
2008	08	Antara S Auto	2.0	5	State blue	5350	17,995	2008	08	Combo Crew cab	1.7 CDTi	White	Delivery	£9,995+VAT								
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2008	08	Tigra Exclusiv	1.4	2	Antigua	9,650	11,995	2008	08	Combo SWB Sportive	2.0CDTi	Black	Delivery	£12,495+VAT								
MERIVA																						
2004	04	Meriva Life A/c	1.6	5	Spearmint silver	43,000	4,695	2008	08	Vivaro SWB, Ply lined	2.0CDTi	Black	Delivery	£12,495+VAT								
2006	06	Meriva Design CDTi Ext pack	1.7D	5	Metro blue	29,170	7,995	2008	08	Vivaro SWB, Ply lined	2.0CDTi	White	Delivery	£10,995+VAT								
2008	08	Meriva CDTi Breeze +	1.3D	5	Star silver	3,350	11,995	2008	08	Vivaro Sportive SWB	2.0CDTi	Silver	Delivery	£11,795+VAT								
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AGILA																						
2001	51*	Agila Enjoy	1.2	5	Green tea	76,350	2,595	2007	07	Astravan Club, CDTi	1.7D	White	5,445	£7,995+VAT								
2002	02*	Astra Elegance Auto	1.8	5	Black sapphire	51,700	3,695	2007	07	Astravan Sportive	1.9 CDTi	Moonland	25,000	£8,295+VAT								
2003	03	Astra Active	1.6	5	Star silver	33,350	3,995	2007	07	Astravan SE Sportive	1.9 CDTi	White	9,500	£8,250+VAT								
2005	55	Astra Breeze	1.6	5	Silver lightening	38,000	6,995	2007	07	Combo Side door, Ply lined	1.3 CDTi	Star silver	5,760	£11,995+VAT								
2007	07	Astra Energy Auto	1.8	5	Star Silver	15,300	7,995	2007	07	Combo PAS	1.3 CDTi	White	13,475	£6,995+VAT								
2007	07	Astra Club CDTi Est	1.3D	5	Panacotta	8,275	11,995	2007	07	Movano 100bhp, Electric Pack	2.5CDTi LWB	Silver	19,700	£7,995+VAT								
2007	07	Astra Club CDTi	1.7D	5	Star silver	10,680	10,295	2005	55*	Movano 100bhp, Electric Pack	2.5CDTi LWB	White	10,200	£10,000+VAT								
2007	07	Astra Club CDTi	1.7D	5	Star silver	10,680	10,295	2005	55*	Movano 100bhp, Electric Pack	2.5CDTi LWB	Red	11,050	£11,995+VAT								
2007	07	Astra Club CDTi	1.7D	5	Star silver	10,680	10,295	2005	55*	Vivaro Long wheel base, Double cab	1.9 CDTi	White	57,500	£8,995+VAT								
2007	07	Astra Club CDTi	1.7D	5	Star silver	10,680	10,295	2005	55*	Vivaro Short wheel base, Ply lined	1.9 CDTi	White	12,100	£9,995+VAT								
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2008	08	Astra SXi Sports Hatch	1.4	3	Black sapphire	4,500	9,495	2005	55	Vectra Exclusive CDTi Est	1.9D	5	Star silver	5,350	11,995							
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ZAFIRA																						
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BABY HOT HATCHES

IT'S not just owners of family cars who are having to downsize their ambitions under pressure from rising fuel costs and road tax – performance car owners are also having to get real. Their answer can be found in the buoyant secondhand market for supermini hot hatchbacks like the three little scorchers featured here. No, your insurance premiums won't be a lot better, but you will save on fuel and tax and driving enjoyment could be even higher than before, even if some creature and ride comfort is sacrificed.

FORD FIESTA ST



FORD has been one of the champions of hot hatches over the years with its XR and recent ST versions of standard models. The Fiesta ST upholds the tradition in terms of pace and handling even if it can be noisy and ride comfort is primitive. Power comes from a feisty 148bhp 2.0-litre engine so the lowered stance and styling add-ons do not flatter to deceive but, as when new, the Fiesta is not the cheapest contender on the market.

STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

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Looks and image	★★★★★
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STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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Friday 28th November, 2008

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Band: 3

Hours: 30

Location: Herne Bay

Ref: 767-ECC630

Closing date: 28/11/08

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Job Title: Community Nurse X 2

Salary: £20,225 to £26,123 pa

Band: 5

Hours: 37.5

Location: Birchington / Westgate

Ref: 767-EIC628

Closing date: 26/11/08

Job Title: Community Nurse

Salary: £20,225 to £26,123 pa pr

Band: 5

Hours: 30

Location: Cliftonville

Ref: 767-EIC629

Closing date: 26/11/08

Job Title: Community Nurse

Salary: £20,225 to £26,123 pa pr

Band: 5

Hours: 25

Location: Birchington

Ref: 767-EIC627

Closing date: 26/11/08

Job Title: Intermediate Care Support Nurse

Salary: £20,225 to £26,123 pa

Band: 5

Hours: 37.5

Location: Dover / Deal

Ref: 767-EIC605

Closing date: 27/11/08

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Job Title: Occupational Therapist

Salary: £24,103 to £32,653 pa

Band: 6

Hours: 37.5

Location: Ashford

Ref: 767-EIC609

Closing date: 27/11/08

Job Title: Occupational Therapist

Salary: £24,103 to £32,653 pa

Band: 6

Hours: 37.5

Location: Folkestone

Ref: 767-EIC612

Closing date: 27/11/08

Job Title: Psycho-Social Occupational Therapist x2

Salary: £24,103 to £32,653 pa

Band: 6

Hours: 37.5

Location: Folkestone

Ref: 767-EIC559

Closing date: 29/11/08

Job Title: Occupational Therapist (Learning Disabilities)

Salary: £20,225 to £26,123 pa

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Ashford Ref: T1368

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Folkestone Ref: T1367

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The closing date for the receipt of all completed application forms for the above vacancies is Tuesday 2nd December 2008.

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For an informal discussion on these positions, please call: Ken Pullan on 07725128661

Closing Date 5th December 2008

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Ref: P0660

Salary: £19,736 - £25,441

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Ref: P0516

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We currently have an opportunity for a part-time Personal Tutor. The post-holder will plan and deliver a range of group tutorials to learners with a wide range of abilities. You will be able to work with minimum supervision and have experience of working in a coaching, mentoring or teaching capacity and have or be willing to undertake an appropriate teaching qualification.

Skills for Life Administrator

Ref: P0474

Salary: £15,057 - £18,534

The successful candidate will be required to work at our sites in Maidstone and Chatham and will have exceptional knowledge and experience and of administration and office procedures and be able to demonstrate excellent organisational and IT skills.

Closing date: Friday, 12 December 2008

Mid-Kent College is working in partnership with RBLI Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBLI, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBLI on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website www.rbli.co.uk for information, advice and guidance.

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Ref: P0495

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In order to strengthen our central Finance team and support at the College as it progresses through a period of radical change, we are seeking to appoint a Financial Accountant. The successful candidate will be recently qualified or be at the finalist stage of their qualification.

Lecturer in Motor Vehicle

Ref: P0660

Salary: £25,092 - £32,898

(Starting salary and grade dependant upon qualifications & experience)

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The department benefits from strong links with Buckmore Park karting circuit (where we run a National Diploma in Motorsport) and has a history of high Success rates across its full-time, part-time and work-based-learning provision.

Lecturer in Skills for Life

Ref: P0468

Salary: £25,092 - £28,719

A full time position has arisen within our Skills for Life team to deliver key skills to a variety of vocational areas. In addition some one-to-one support will be required and prior experience in embedding key skills and skills for life in a vocational and/or academic course would be advantageous.

**Departmental Secretary/
Administrator**

Ref: P0432

Salary: £11,599 - £17,200

The candidate will be based at our Maidstone site and will be able to demonstrate recent, all round experience and knowledge of administration procedures and have excellent organisational and IT skills. Due to the nature of the role the successful candidate will be required to work independently.

Technician in Beauty

Ref: P0133

Salary: £11,599 - £17,200

We are looking to appoint a highly motivated individual to provide support to learners and assist the Lecturers in running the various Clinics. You will be able to demonstrate good organisational and communication skills and relevant experience within the beauty industry would be advantageous.

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Applicant: Michael List-Brian

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The centre will demonstrate the latest technology and manufacturing systems aimed at making businesses more competitive.

Manager Ian Cakebread said: "This is an opportunity to see how the centre can benefit your business with a range of practical training courses and access to the latest tools and systems." For details see www.renishaw.info/Greenwich or call Mr Cakebread on 01634 883858.

KCC payments under scrutiny on website

BUSINESSES waiting for their money from Kent County Council can now sound off on a website.

Kent Labour has launched Kent Business Watch on its site www.kent-labour.org.uk where local businesses can report instances of late payments by KCC.

Clr Roger Truelove, KCC shadow cabinet member for regeneration, said Prime Minister Gordon Brown had called on councils to pay bills to small businesses within ten days to help with essential cash flow.

"KCC's record isn't as good as it could be on paying invoices within 30 days, let alone ten," said Cllr Truelove.

RBS expands Thames Gateway presence

A MAJOR banking team in Kent has just got bigger.

The Royal Bank of Scotland's commercial banking team in the Thames Gateway has expanded to 30 people as it continues to service one of the South East's most dynamic and growing regions.

Robert Clare, who has been with the bank for 28 years, has taken up the team's director role after working in commercial banking in Sussex for the last five years.

His team is comprised of three sub-teams; business development, trading, and property.

Five additional staff, three in property and two in business development, have joined the team.

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Innovative changes to support network

■ BY **TONY PATEY**

A HUGE shake-up of the publicly-funded business support structure across the South East is to take place over the next two years.

A new network of eight so-called 'innovation and growth teams' is being set up across the region. One will be in Kent, but the exact location has yet to be decided.

Teams – being generated by the South East England Development Agency (Seeda) – will focus on regional growth areas and will merge, under one umbrella, a range of business support activities.

It's all part of the Government's wide-ranging agenda to reduce the number of publicly-funded business support schemes and simplify the system by 2010.

Each of the nation's regional development agencies is working out its own programme and the team idea is Seeda's own approach.

In the South East, there'll be a greater emphasis on the role of Business Link, and Seeda is inviting applications from sub-regional partnerships to form teams.

Seeda says the initiative will give a broader approach to promoting innovation and growth.

Teams will target support on potentially high-growth businesses, in comparison with the county's enterprise hub network which focuses on early stage entrepreneurial individuals and companies to help bring ideas to market quickly and profitably.

Kent's hubs are currently based in Canterbury, Sittingbourne and Medway, but the idea is that the new teams will have more resources at their disposal.

A Seeda statement said: "Teams will be working with ambitious companies that are further along the development path and are aiming to make step changes in terms of their growth."

Marilyn Huckerby, head of Seeda's business innovation and growth, said: "It will represent better use of expertise, knowledge and best practice, and accelerate business through the



NEW NETWORK: Medway, Sittingbourne and Canterbury are Kent's enterprise hubs prior to the shake-up

growth stages from start-up to corporate."

She said the teams will "focus intensive support on a relatively small number of businesses". Each team will work with 250 companies at any one time.

Firms with growth potential will be picked where there is some perceived barrier or challenge holding them back and referrals would take place via Business Link through a range of initial avenues.

She added: "The new definition of innovation is broader in order to better target high growth potential. It doesn't just cover high-technology products but also new ways of doing things."

"The end game is to generate more revenue from new or significantly improved products and services."

Will the idea save any money? Seeda said: "The development of the teams is not about saving money. It is about bringing together the

funding that was going into a number of different high-growth business support activities so it can be targeted more effectively and can be used to catalyse additional services and support from local partners and stakeholders.

"The economies of scale that this generates mean that more money can be diverted to those companies with significant potential."

Sub-regional partnerships will be private and public local organisations. Seeda says each will be led by a so-called business champion, and will involve universities, research centres, Business Link, local authorities and, where appropriate, business associations such as the Institute of Directors and chambers of commerce.

Interestingly, they can also be concerned with "developing innovative solutions to local economic issues, for example, transport, ageing population and where businesses and public sector could work together".



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In the comfort zone despite biting wind



GRIPPING: Canterbury (in black) cruised into the next round with a confident win against Exmouth

CANTERBURY eased their way into round three of the National Trophy with a comfortable victory against Exmouth at Merton Lane.

The home side ran in six tries in all, including two for promising youngster Danny Willcox, but with better finishing the margin of victory would have been even greater.

Head coach Danny Vaughan opted to rest Mike Melford and Pat Sykes and through a combination of injuries and unavailability, the city club were without six first-team players for the game. However, they were boosted by the return of Kieron Lewitt, who left the club at the end of last season.

Opting to play into a bitingly cold wind in the first half, two early penal-

RUGBY

Canterbury 42

Exmouth 10

ties gave Canterbury a 6-0 lead. With Gert De Kock at a wedding in South Africa, Ben Thomas was a more than capable deputy kicker.

The centre also scored the first of three first-half tries, with Dave Hillerby and Willcox also touching down.

Thomas converted one of the tries to give Canterbury a 23-0 half-time lead.

Willcox scored his second senior try for the club early in the second half, but

it was cancelled out by a deserved Exmouth score following a spell of pressure.

But any faint hopes the visitors held of a fightback were rapidly extinguished. Number eight Cristof Blom, who had an outstanding game, scored two tries in a five-minute spell to make it 42-5.

Despite struggling a division below Canterbury, Exmouth refused to lie down and produced their best spell of rugby in the final 15 minutes. Their efforts were rewarded with a try in the final minute.

Vaughan's side move on to Richmond's Athletic Ground in the league this Saturday – a venue where Canterbury have never lost.

Ladies on the up

CANTERBURY Ladies moved up to third in hockey's Women's Premier Division with their fourth successive victory on Sunday.

Jenny Hall opened the scoring against Olton & West Warwicks and Cindy Botha added two more before the break to give Canterbury a 3-1 lead.

Olton pulled a goal back but Lisa Hapke sealed a 4-2 victory ahead of Saturday's trip to leaders Bowdon Hightown.

The club's men had a mixed weekend. Their lead at the top of the Conference East was cut to three points after a 3-3 draw with Bromley and Beckenham, but reached the National Cup quarter-finals with a 6-1 win against Indian Gymkhana.

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 Watch Kent's Joe Denly and Rob Key in the nets ahead of their trip to India

Bay's six in a row

IN-FORM Herne Bay made it six successive wins in all competitions with a comfortable victory away to Sevenoaks Town on Saturday.

Barry Morgan's side fell behind after only two minutes, but Luke Harvey grabbed an equaliser before Simon Brown's 30-yard strike put them ahead at the break. Steve Hanson headed his first goal for the club on 57 minutes to complete the 3-1 victory.

It put Bay fourth in the Kent League Premier Division ahead of Saturday's game against VCD Athletic at Winch's Field.

In the quarter-final draw for the Bulmers Cider Premier Division Cup, Bay were paired with Croydon.

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SHORT-LIVED: Dan Wisker (left) lit up the Belmont with a stunning goal but it couldn't prevent Marc Seager's side slipping to defeat against Worthing

Oystermen put on the spot despite Wisker's screamer

MARC Seager was lost for words after watching his Whitstable Town side again dominate a game but finish empty-handed.

A wonder goal from Dan Wisker appeared to salvage a point for the Oystermen, but Worthing pinched all three points with a controversial 89th-minute penalty.

Coming a week after losing 1-0 at Walton & Hersham despite also controlling the game, Seager couldn't believe Town had lost.

"It's the second week on the trot where we have absolutely battered a team and not got what we deserved," he said.

"When the opposition players come up to you afterwards and say they can't believe they've won, it's a hard pill to swallow."

"It was one of those games where I didn't know what to say to the players at the end. They did everything I asked of them."

"All the time we are performing like that we will win a lot more than we will lose between now and the end of the season."

The result might have been different if Whitstable had converted their own penalty,

FOOTBALL

■ BY DAVID PRITCHARD

Whitstable Town 1

Wisker 81

Worthing 2

Kirkwood 80, pen 89

awarded for a shove on Ian Pulman after only 15 minutes. Jake Gess stepped up, but not for the first time this season Town failed from the spot.

Play-off contenders Worthing struggled to impose themselves on the game, but they took the lead with ten minutes to go. Scott Kirkwood sprung the offside trap to beat Kevin Fewell with a cool finish.

Within a minute the hosts were level in spectacular fashion. Wisker, who had a quiet game by his standards, picked the ball up 35 yards from goal and let fly into the top corner.

Whitstable starting XI



No subs used

The parity was brief and Worthing stole the points with a dubious penalty.

Seager said: "The only person who appealed was the guy who went down. It's a kick in the teeth when he gets up laughing. He knew he had mugged the referee. Unfortunately you see it all the time."

Defeat left Whitstable only a point above the relegation zone ahead of Saturday's trip to Godalming Town.

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Denly hopes to profit from passage to India

CRICKET

BY GLENN PEARSON

FOUR Kent players jetted off to India on Friday, looking to boost their claims for a place in Kevin Pietersen's England side.

Rob Key, Joe Denly, Robbie Joseph and Amjad Khan are part of the England Performance Programme squad which left for Bangalore, at the start of a month-long tour of India and a chance to train with the England Test squad.

Key will captain the England side in the two games scheduled for Bangalore and Mumbai. For Denly, it will be the second time in the last two years that the 22-year-old has toured India as part of the programme.

The Whitstable-born batsman enjoyed another successful season opening the innings for Kent and hopes to profit from the experience in India, where he will also get the opportunity to play with former England captain Michael Vaughan.

He said: "Last year I didn't have a great time of it. I didn't enjoy it if I'm totally honest because I got ill four times, but it's a great opportunity to go out there and progress my game."

"There is an unlimited time to bat, you can bat all day as there is an endless number of net bowlers. Last year I went to work on spin to give myself more scoring options and I think that worked out well."

"I will be looking to do the same and tight-

ening up in defence against the new ball. I hope to come back fitter, stronger and a better player for Kent."

Rumours have been circulating that other counties were interested in signing the Kent youngster, something Denly firmly denies.

He said: "I haven't heard anything. I am tied in with Kent for the next two years. It's where I want to be, I love playing at Kent, I signed an extension to my contract until 2011 and hopefully in that time there will be a point to extend it even more."

While the club go through a transitional period due to the loss of Neil Dexter, Matt Walker and Yasir Arafat, the county claim there will be opportunities for some of the Academy youngsters, such as Sam Northeast, Charlie Hemphrey and Matt Coles.

Having graduated from the Academy under the stewardship of Paul Farbrace, Denly is acutely aware of the difficulties for young players.

He hopes his experience of stepping up from the Academy to the first team at St Lawrence is something the new batch of youngsters will be able to draw from.

"I found the quicker you learn things that work for you at the Academy, the better you will be. I narrowed down my strengths and worked hard on those," he said.

"I worked a lot on my weaknesses, but you sometimes forget that the strengths are what got you where you are and you should concentrate on those."

"I'm pretty good friends with the Academy lads, so I like to think they could come and talk to me about their batting if they needed to."



CUT ABOVE: Joe Denly at the crease for Kent

HOCKEY



Picture: ADY KERRY
GAME ON: Mel Cleowlow is hoping to prolong her international hockey career

Cleowlow rekindles her love affair with hockey

MEL Cleowlow's international career could rest on whether UK Sport cuts funding to hockey in the build-up to the London Olympics.

The 32-year-old, who has played her entire club career for Canterbury, hinted she may retire after the Beijing Olympics last summer. But if rumours that hockey's budget could be reduced are confirmed when the packages are announced next month, she is likely to carry on.

Initially the plan was for the Great Britain squad to train four mornings a week for the next three years, but that would be reduced if funding was slashed.

Cleowlow said: "I can't commit [to four mornings] because I've just started a new job, but the indications are the programme's not going to happen. If that's true it would give me an option."

"At the moment I have no intention of retiring, so that leaves things open. If the programme changes to be more intensive six months down the line, then I may be forced into a decision."

UK Sport is reportedly £79m short of its expected £600m budget for 2012 due to lower than expected investment from the private sector. While funding for sports such as swimming and cycling, which enjoyed great success at Beijing, is guaranteed, those such as hockey, which did not win any medals, face a drop in support.

Cleowlow admits in the aftermath of Britain's sixth-place finish in China she thought about quitting. But after a month away from the sport her passion has been rekindled with a good start to the domestic season with Canterbury.

"When I got back from Beijing I weighed up how much I have had to give up," she said. "It wasn't that I just didn't want to play international hockey, I wasn't excited about playing or training in general. But since the club season started I have been really enjoying it."

If Cleowlow does stay on there will be plenty of chances to add to her record 254 international caps. Next year there is the Champions Trophy and European Cup, with the World Cup and Commonwealth Games both held in 2010.

LEAGUE TABLES (Before midweek matches)

RYMAN DIVISION ONE SOUTH

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Kingstonian	17	11	3	1	+23	34
2 Metropolitan Police	18	9	7	2	+13	34
3 Cray Wanderers	17	10	3	4	+15	33
4 Dulwich Hamlet	17	9	4	4	+14	31
5 Fleet Town	16	8	5	3	+16	29
6 Worthing	15	8	4	3	+8	28
7 Walton & Hersham	18	8	4	6	+2	28
8 Folkestone Invicta	18	7	6	5	+3	27
9 Merstham	16	8	3	5	+2	27
10 Sittingbourne	16	8	2	6	+0	26
11 Godalming Town	17	7	4	6	+8	25
12 Leatherhead	16	7	3	6	-4	24
13 Ashford Town	18	4	9	5	+5	21
14 Eastbourne Town	17	6	3	8	+1	21
15 Whyteleafe	17	6	2	9	-5	20
16 Burgess Hill Town	16	5	4	7	-2	19
17 Walton Casuals	18	4	4	10	-12	16
18 Chipstead	17	4	4	9	-19	16
19 Croydon Athletic	17	4	3	10	-8	15
20 Whitstable Town	18	4	2	12	-21	14
21 Corinthian-Casuals	18	3	4	11	-21	13
22 Crowborough Ath	17	3	3	11	-18	12

KENT LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION (Before VCD v Bengal last night)

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Holmesdale	15	10	3	2	+16	33
2 Tunbridge Wells	13	10	0	3	+12	30
3 Hythe Town	13	9	2	2	+13	29
4 Herne Bay	14	8	1	5	+10	25
5 Faversham Town	12	8	0	4	+23	24
6 Erith & Bexley	9	6	1	2	+3	19
7 Greenwich Borough	12	6	1	5	0	19
8 Slade Green	14	5	2	7	-2	17
9 Deal Town	13	4	4	5	-2	16
10 Sevenoaks Town	13	4	4	5	-2	16
11 Norton Sports	12	5	1	6	-8	16
12 Erith Town	11	4	3	4	+4	15
13 Beckenham Town	14	4	2	8	-2	14
14 VCD Athletic	10	4	1	6	+2	13
15 Croydon	11	4	1	6	-1	13
16 Lordswood	12	1	0	11	-21	12
17 Sporting Bengal Utd	12	0	0	12	-45	0

KENT COUNTY LEAGUE DIVISION ONE EAST

	P	W	D	L	Gd	Pt
1 Canterbury City	8	7	1	0	+29	22
2 AFC Sheppee	7	4	2	1	+2	14
3 University of Kent	6	4	1	1	+23	13
4 APM Mears	6	3	3	0	+12	12
5 Otford Utd	7	3	2	2	+5	11
6 Guru Nanak	6	2	2	2	-8	8
7 New Romney	8	2	2	4	-11	7
8 Staplehurst & Mon.	7	2	1	4	-14	7
9 Kennington	7	1	2	4	-8	5
10 Oakwood	6	0	2	4	-9	2
11 Lydd Town	8	1	0	7	-21	2

FIXTURES (Saturday): Ryman Division One South - Godalming Town v Whitstable Town; Kent League Premier Division - Herne Bay v Croydon; Kent County League Division One East - Otford United v Canterbury City

Gough's triple whammy

FOOTBALL

Canterbury City 3

Gough 70, 72, 85

Belvedere 1

Minter pen 26

ROYSTON Gough again showed why he finished Canterbury City's top scorer last season as the striker netted a superb hat-trick to overcome Belvedere.

It was the second successive game Gough had claimed the match ball and he almost single-handedly dragged City into the next round of the Kent Intermediate Shield.

Belvedere are undefeated in the County League's Division One West and they were one of the best teams City have played all season.

The home side, playing at Canterbury High School rather than Bridge, struggled in the first half as they played with a strong wind at their backs, with passes being overtaken as a result.

Both sides created chances before the break, but Belvedere led from the penalty spot after goalkeeper Danny Black brought down an attacker.

City found it easier playing into the elements after the break, but they were still trailing until a moment of magic from Gough on 70 minutes. Picking the ball up wide on the right, he showed a great turn of pace to escape the defenders before cutting inside and rolling the ball under the goalkeeper.

Within two minutes the striker made it 2-1 with another raid from the right flank.

Belvedere hit the crossbar before Gough put the game out of reach five minutes from time to complete his hat-trick.

The victory sent Dave Fairclough's side



HAT-TRICK HERO: Canterbury City's Royston Gough

Canterbury starting XI



Subs used: Maxted (Gough), Smissen (Lawford), Tuite (Brooke)

through to round two, where they will host Otford United on January 10. Otford are also the opponents this Saturday, when City return to league action.

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